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Dear Ms. Gridley:

This is in response to your letter received 18 May 2001 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/743,152 filed 05 January 2001. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued. All future inquiries with regards to the processing of this application may be addressed to Karen Williams at telephone number (703) 305-3688.

Sincerely,

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